

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Cllr Phillip Cowen, Executive Member Finance & Growth and Christine Marshall, Executive Director Commercialisation

To: Full Council, 23 January 2020

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Subject: Update of the Anglia Revenues Partnership Agreement

Purpose: To consider the updated Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) Agreement following the change in ARP Membership following the abolishment of four member authorities and the creation of two new member authorities in their place on 1 April 2019 and to update other approved changes in the partnership agreement.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That Full Council approves the revised ARP Partnership agreement at Appendix 1 to have effect from 1 April 2019.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Following the exercise of powers by the Secretary of State, with effect from 1 April 2019 two new non-metropolitan districts and councils were established for East Suffolk and West Suffolk respectively and Suffolk Coastal, Waveney District, Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils were abolished. These councils form part of the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP). Provisions within the Orders and Regulations mean that the ARP could have continued under the existing 2015 agreement, however ARP took the opportunity to update the agreement to reflect the new councils, changes approved since the 2015 agreement was signed and a review to ensure the agreement remains fit for purpose moving forward.

1.2 This revised agreement at Appendix 1 has been reviewed and approved by the ARP Joint Committee (17 December 2019) and now needs to be considered by each individual partner authority to allow the agreement to be signed and sealed by the 5 partners.

Review of Partnership Agreement

- 1.3 Through consultation with the ARP Operational Improvement Board and the ARP Joint Committee, the 2015 ARP Agreement was reviewed and updated to reflect the current ARP operations. The overarching principals of the agreement and the decision making provisions within the agreement have not changed, the areas of change were:
- Updated to reflect the abolishment of the four councils and the creation of the 2 new councils.
 - Updated quoracy and proxy arrangements to reflect that there are now 5 partners rather than 7.
 - Updated generally to reflect the agreement is now between 5 partners rather than 7.
 - Updated to ensure the agreement reflects any delegations approved by Joint Committee and the partner councils between 2015 & 2019.
 - Administrative tidying, such as: updating the budget shares to 2019 approved values, updating to reference GDPR, legislation updates for Joint Committee

services, removal of the need for all Chief Executives to agree to a review of the ARP agreement, clarity on the provision & roles relating to the audit process and ensuring the ARP Enforcement Agency is now included.

2.0 **OPTIONS**

2.1 That Full Council approves the revised ARP Partnership agreement at Appendix A to have effect from 1 April 2019.

2.2 That Full Council does not approve the revised ARP Partnership agreement at Appendix A to have effect from 1 April 2019.

3.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

3.1 The revised agreement will meet the requirements of all partner Councils creating a new equitable partnership and ensuring that the partnership agreement is up to date.

4.0 **EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 to ensure that the partnership agreement reflects the current ARP operations, legislation, partner councils and is fit for purpose moving forward.

5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Data Protection; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

5.2 **Constitution & Legal**

5.2.1 A revised partnership agreement clarifies the continuation of arrangements now that the new Councils mergers are complete.

5.5 **Financial**

5.5.1 The revised agreement includes the current approved budgets for the partnership.

5.6 **Risk Management**

5.11.1 If there is not agreement between all partners as to the proposed course of action, this could undermine the wider performance and decision making of the partnership.

5.7 **Stakeholders / Consultation / Timescales**

5.14.1 This revised agreement has been considered and reviewed and approved by the ARP Operational Improvement Board and the ARP Joint Committee.

6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 N/A

7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 ARP – Anglia Revenues Partnership

Background papers:- ARP Joint Committee, 17 September 2019

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

This report refers to Mandatory Service & Discretionary Services

Appendices attached to this report:

Appendix 1 Anglia Revenues Partnership Revised Agreement